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**Some of our Neerlandia members spent the day at Perth Zoo.
Read about their adventures on pages 24 - 27.**

Social Functions Calendar & Clubhouse Details

Below are the latest details of **events and activities** organised by Neerlandia and by the various Sub Clubs.

June 2024

Sun	2	<u>Neerlandia Sunday Cards Drive</u>	10:30am
Wed	5,19	<u>Bingo</u>	11am
Thurs	6,13,20,27	<u>Neerlandia Thursday Night Cards</u>	7pm
Thurs	13,27	<u>Neerlandia Seniors' Club</u>	10am
Fri	28	<u>End of Month Drinks</u> <i>LMRC Wembley</i>	6pm
Sat	1,8,15,22,29	<u>Dutch Singers</u> Morley Windmills	10am

July 2024

Sun	7	<u>Neerlandia Sunday Cards Drive</u>	10:30am
Sun	14	<u>Karaoke</u> RDC Myaree <i>More details on page 13</i>	4:00pm
Wed	3,17,31	<u>Bingo</u>	11am
Thurs	4,11,18,25	<u>Neerlandia Thursday Night Cards</u>	7pm
Thurs	11,25	<u>Neerlandia Seniors' Club</u>	10am
Fri	26	<u>End of Month Drinks</u> <i>LMRC Wembley</i>	6pm
Sat	6,13,20,27	<u>Dutch Singers</u> Morley Windmills	10am

Spot the jokes in red.

Important: The content of our magazine is compiled with great care. Nonetheless, the information may contain inaccuracies. Should you find any errors, please contact us.

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Welcome to yet again another beautiful edition of your Neerlandia Magazine.

This report will be my last report before I take off for a holiday to our country of birth, The Netherlands. I will be away for nearly 8 weeks and have a lot of very interesting visits on my agenda. No doubt, I will write about these and share them with you upon my return.

I feel sure that we have all been appalled by the wanton violence in both the Eastern States as well as close to home, here in Perth recently. It was therefore a very special and heart-warming experience to see how our own Neerlandia Members care for one another. Let me explain what I observed and was so moved by.

First - At our Seniors Club function, we learned that one of our members had been taken to hospital with a serious cardiac condition. Consequently, they couldn't attend our function. As Mother's day was approaching, every Female member was presented by the Seniors Club a pot of Chrysanthemums. We asked if another member, who lived close by could deliver this gift to the couple who couldn't attend. This was accepted and carried out with love and appreciation. The members were extremely grateful for such kindness.

Second - One of our very senior members had a fall earlier in the year and had not been able to attend Bingo. Another member kept in contact to see how she was and reported that she wasn't going to come any more. That member didn't want to impose on anyone. However, another member still contacted her and offered to pick her up and drop her off every fortnight. The member was very touched and accepted the offer initially, only to cancel a few days later. We were concerned that she was missing out on that social contact that we all need. However, she assured us that she was active within her retirement village, and she said that she was getting too tired to be away from

home for that length of time.

Both these examples show what a wonderful community we belong to. We take care of one another, and that is how it ought to be. It is something we certainly should all be very proud of. I certainly am.

Well, well, well! What a celebration Koningsdag turned out to be. The Lake Monger Recreation Centre was decked out in the Dutch flag, lots of Orange, and other identifying colours. The turn out was much larger than expected. Our kitchen had bought supplies which they thought would be enough for that as well as the following End of Month Drinks. Well, they ran out of that supply very quickly. Despite the increased demand, the kitchen managed to fill most orders under very trying circumstances. A very big THANK YOU to Ann, Eric, and team for keeping the kitchen turning over. We will learn a few things from this year, and this will improve our delivery of service for next year. You can read more about that day in this magazine.

Membership fees were due by the 31st of March 2024. If your membership fees are still outstanding, we ask that you make payment as soon as possible. Whilst the due date has now passed, we are able to extend a grace period. However, once this grace period has been exhausted and you remain unfinancial, your membership will automatically be cancelled. Once that happens, you will no longer receive this Magazine and you will not be able to attend our functions as a member at discounted prices and the full fee for that event will become payable. Furthermore, you will need to re-apply to become a member of Neerlandia. Your current Membership Number will have been reallocated and you will then receive a new Membership Number.

For all of you who are suffering from an unwelcome medical condition, we hope you can exercise an eviction notice to those unfriendly bugs and you resume your healthy lifestyle and come back and be part of our many social activities.

**John Zwartkruis,
President**

**Neerlandia is OUR club, and WE ALL can make
a CONTRIBUTION, be it**

small or **LARGE.**

Koningsdag 2024



The party was eight weeks in the making. Vrijmarkt, Lucky Dip and Orange Slushies for the kids; Daiquiri slushies and Oranje Bitter Cocktail for the adults and lots and lots of food and tompoucen for everyone.



We hoped that our efforts would be rewarded by new faces visiting for the first time and old faces who had not been to our new venue yet.



And joining us you did!

The big hall was lushly decorated with orange bunting and the tricolour was omnipresent too. Long tables with tulips and Dutch flags were set



up in the hall and invited everyone to sit down for a drink, a yummy feed and a chat.



Lucky dips were popular with young & old.

Dutch snacks being served by our young volunteers (R)



Koningsdag 2024



For this evening we had two Sjoelbakken installed and as expected, were constantly used and many a competition was played. Amongst all the orange visitors we could spot two craft tables where people were colouring in royal pictures, or they were making crowns that were later positioned on their heads.

Bigger kids played traditional Dutch games and “*Spijkerpoepen*” was without doubt, the most popular one and caused hilarious scenes. The Event Staff and Dutch



Community Radio made sure that everyone could sing along with Dutch music varying from Willeke Alberti's Spiegelbeeld to Hardcore Dutch Dance music.



Spijkerpoepen (pooping nails) is an old fashioned game played on national festivities it involves tying a string around your waist with a nail hanging down. The aim is to get the nail in the bottle using concentration and skill.

It was an amazing get together of Dutch, who just wanted to be together to celebrate being Dutch.



The beauty of this Friday evening was that the Dutch Club was able to provide an environment where Dutch families could celebrate in style with their children. For the following night an independent group had organised an event for the hardcore Party Animals who

danced away the evening clad in orange. All in all, both parties provided opportunities for everyone to celebrate in their chosen style.



Childrens' Vrijmarkt

Koningsdag 2024



The kitchen was overloaded on Friday night. Between 6-7.30pm we sold 146 kroketten, 128 bitterballen, 50 frikandellen, 50 rolls, 70 serves of chips, 11 garden salads and 66 tompoucen. No wonder that the kitchen staff 'had their moments'. Yes, we were overwhelmed by the interest shown and



yes, this created an extraordinarily long waiting time for your food. We do apologise for this. We learned a lot and we thank the 99.8% of patrons who understood and patiently waited.

Thank you to kitchen staff for the amazing work you did. As we expected, the orange tompoucen we had commissioned were a big hit. As were the absolutely delicious rookworsten produced and donated by Ray & Christa of Peppermill Smoke House fame.

A beautiful moment of unity occurred at about 8.30pm when Honorary Consul Anthony Willinge gave three "*Hoera's*" for the King. This was followed by Het Wilhelmus, the Dutch National Anthem - a very moving part of the evening.

About 167 Dutchies and their guests got together in orange outfits to celebrate King's Day 2024 and we all loved it. To get a better appreciation of the dynamics of that terrific evening, we are treating you on lots and lots of photographs.

And you know what? Next year we'll do it again!



Koningsdag 2024



Hup Holland!



Fun times making new friends
and catching up with familiar
faces



Placing an order for merchandise





Make sure that you read the Neerlandia FaceBook page and the Dutch Club Newsletter to stay up to date of Dutch Club Events. If you are not receiving our Newsletter yet, please send your request and email address to: mvdstelt@gmail.com

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Een hartelijke groet
The End of Month Team
Eric, Ann, Machiel & Lianna



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Seniors Club

The Social contact at our Seniors Club is very important for all concerned. It is therefore not surprising that a large group of Dutch migrants continue to gather fortnightly and play various games, enjoy a cuppa as well as a two-course lunch. This is topped off with a raffle where everyone has an opportunity to take home a maximum of 2 articles that are useful in people's pantries.

In previous months, organisers created special characters just to elevate the level of enjoyment during our get togethers. Over the past 4 weeks, this hasn't been continued. However, rest assured, another mystery appearance will occur sometime in the future.



The Seniors Club continues to enjoy great days of entertainment and social interaction by all those who attend. If you also feel the need for a bit of Social Contact, meet up with other Dutch people and play a few interesting games, you are always welcome. We meet every 2 weeks on a Thursday at the Rhein-Donau Club, starting at 10am for coffee and chat. Games begin between 10:30 am & 11am. Always check the calendar of events on the inside cover of this magazine for dates.

John Zwartkruis,

President/Secretary Neerlandia Seniors Club.



Someone had brought a framed ceramic tile with great words of wisdom, translated in English 'from the concert of life, no one receives a program'. This was just one of the many prizes available at our Seniors Raffle.

Mia Boshart's birthday was celebrated on the 18th of April, and yet again, everyone was treated to a lovely piece of Cake.



The Neerlandia Bingo Club News



NEERLANDIA BINGO

Doors open at 10am.
Eyes down at 11am.

Coffee and tea and biscuits are
provided: -self-serve.

**Game: Your book of 10 games will cost you \$10.
Total cost = \$10 for a fun filled day out with plenty of
opportunities to win part or all your money back.**



Game 5, John van Gentevoort won the \$9 the three left end numbers in just 5 balls (a record), he had 4 of the numbers in the one game 2, 6, 7, 10 & 13 (although not called in that order), Ida van der Kooij won the Full House of \$15 in 54 balls.

After lunch we drew the lucky numbers, (this week ranging from 1-26) Mia Boshart (her 2nd win) and John van Gentevoort (2nd win also) each won \$10, the Cadbury Favourite Chocolates was won by John



Bingo held on the 24/04/2024

We had 26 players for the days games, however George van Beek and myself (Lou James) could not attend, so Riet Oorschot stepped up to place the balls in the tray so that John (who wore his Kings hat to mark Konings Dag on Friday) could call the games. Connie van Emden brought along cake for everyone to share and celebrate her birthday with her, as did John at Seniors last Thursday. The reduced number of players resulted in the Line prize being \$9 and the Full House \$15 with the Straight Full House at \$25. The usual number of balls took flight and had to be chased, they somehow bounce off the shoot onto the floor, to much laughter.

In game 1, the Line went to Wilhelmina Keisler in 28 balls and the Full House of \$15 going to Henk Smit.

Game 2, the Line went to Jenny Norder in 39 balls and the Full House of \$15 going to Hennie James.

Game 3, Pieter Groos took out the 4 corner numbers for \$9 in just 19 balls, Jo van Gentevoort won the Full House of \$15 in 71 balls.

Game 4, the Straight Full House of \$25 was won by Mia Boshart in 69 balls.

Norder, the Neerlandia sponsored Ferrero chocolates went to Marion Gerritsen.

Game 6, the Line prize went to Jenny Norder in 22 balls (her 2nd win), with Janice Raffaele winning the Full House + \$25 Bonus for a total of \$40 in 60 balls.

Game 7, the Line prize was shared by Hennie James (her 2nd win) and Henk Smit (his 2nd win) in 30 balls each receiving \$4.50, the Full House of \$15 went to Lillian Zuideveld in 62 balls.

Game 8, Henk Smit won the Line in 35 balls his 3rd win, and the Full House of \$15 (after a yell that could have brought the roof down) went to Marion Gerritsen in 66 balls.

Game 9, Pieter Groos picked up his 2nd win by winning the three right end numbers in 19 balls, Hennie James won her 3rd prize by winning the \$15 Full House.

Game 10 the Jackpot Game, the Jackpot needed to be won within 52 balls unfortunately it took more, in fact it took 64 balls for Kerry Natrass to win the \$25 Straight Full House prize and so the Jackpot will increase for the next game.

Hosts: John Zwartkruis and Riet Oorschot.

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## Bingo for the 8/05/2024

**T**oday we had 26 players in attendance, and so the prizes will remain the same as the last time a Line will be \$9, a Full House \$15, the Straight Full House \$25 and the bonus Full House \$40 but the Jackpot will be \$90 + the \$25 Straight Full House for a total of \$115 needing to be won within 53 balls. Babette van Dijk added to our morning tea by bringing in a batch of home baked cookies which I might add were very nice, thanks Babette.

Getting on with the Bingo in **Game 1** the Top Line for \$9 went to Tini Deugd and the Full House of \$15 was picked up by Mia Boshart.

In **Game 2** the Middle Line for \$9 went to Henny James and the Full House was shared by Freda Hovingh and John Norder each receiving \$7.50.

**Game 3** the 4 Corner numbers Kerry James won the \$9 in just 24 balls, and the Full House of \$15 was shared by Mia Boshart (her 2<sup>nd</sup> win) and Kerry James (her 2<sup>nd</sup> win in the same game) each receiving \$7.50.

**Game 4** the Straight Full House of \$25 was won by John Norder (his 2<sup>nd</sup> win).

In **Game 5** the 3 Left End numbers was shared by Janke Raayen and Babette van Dijk, they each had the same numbers 1, 7 and 17 in just 12 balls very unusual, and they each received \$4.50 and Freda Hovingh won the Full House of \$15 (her 2<sup>nd</sup> win).

Commencing after lunch with the Lucky Number drew Leo Steyntjes and Kerry Nattras, each won \$10. The Cadbury Favourite Chocolates went to Ida van der Kooij and the Neerlandia sponsored Ferrero chocolates went to Babette van Dijk (her 2<sup>nd</sup> win).

Restarting Bingo at **Game 6** the Bottom Line for \$9 went to Wilhelmina Keisler with the Full House of \$15 going to Janke Raayen (her 2<sup>nd</sup> win).

**Game 7** Any Single Line the Line of \$9 was won by Bernie Uyen and the \$15 + \$25 bonus for a total of \$40 went to Dora van der List.

In **Game 8** the Middle Line was shared by Henk Smit and Alie Deurloo each receiving \$4.50, the Full House of \$15 going to Mia Boshart (her 3<sup>rd</sup> win).

**Game 9** the 3 Right End numbers was won in just 19 balls by John Norder for \$9, the winning numbers being 62, 78, and 87 (his 3<sup>rd</sup> win), the Full House of \$15 went to Riet Oorschot in 59 balls the lowest number for any full house of the day so far.

Now we come to **Game 10** the Jackpot Game worth \$115 needing to be won in 53 balls or less, we had a false call or should I say yodel by Bill Deugd only to find that one of the marked off balls had not been called and the game continued and was finally won by Janke Raayen (her 3<sup>rd</sup> win) in 71 balls to receive \$25 the Straight House prize which is part of the Jackpot. We had a lot of fun with the odd ball going for a roll on the floor and the minor hiccup false call and the friendly banter. We don't just sit and listen to numbers for a couple of hours. There are jokes and light chatter and laughter throughout. Why not join us? The worst that can happen to you is that you could win a game or two and have a good laugh and as you can see we had prizes with multiple winner and winners with multiple prizes and also the more players we have, the higher the prizes are.

Hosts: John Zwartkruis Ph. 0434 920 252  
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**The next Game of Bingo is on the 5/06/2024.**





## Report on the Klaverjas Club

The Thursday Night Klaverjas Club has completed the first competition for 2024. On Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> of May 2024, 13 players battled out to see if they could improve their standing on the ladder. The competition remained intense. Whilst 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place were now pretty well determined, with only a minor opportunity of resulting in a change, the battle between 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> place continued with these two players swapping places frequently. In the end, the prize winners were as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place with 73,769 Points - **John Zwartkruis**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place with 72,427 Points - **Piet Segers**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place with 69,929 Points - **Joke Leeftang**

The Marsen Prize went to Joke Leeftang with 23 Marsen. Both John Zwartkruis (31 Marsen) & Freda Hovingh (24 Marsen) were ineligible for this prize due to having won 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes in the competition.

The player who was the closest to the average score of 66,539 points was Elly Schenkelaars with 66,143 points, which was 396 points away from this average.

The Bolivia Prize was awarded to: - Tilly Stülcbauer.

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> of May, 10 members took up the battle in our monthly Sunday Card Drive. Competition was once again fierce but friendly with lots of laughs. As the number of players was not divisible by 4, we had 2 tables of 4 and 2 *invallers*. Hence, we played 4 rounds with one player sitting out for one round. This ensured everyone had 3 rounds to play. The winner had a clear lead over 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place getters who were pretty close.



The winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place with 5,304 Points - **Piet Segers**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place with 4,950 Points - **Shirley Kwawegen**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place with 4,923 Points - **Peter v.d. Wedden**

If you too want to play Klaverjas and enjoy the *gezelligheid*, and maybe even win a prize, why not join in at our next Sunday Drive on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> of June** and **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> of July**. It will be held in the Karl's Bar at the Rhein-Donau Club in Myaree.

Doors open at 10:30am for a coffee and cake, and the competition starts at 11am. It is only \$12 to play. This includes your lunch and coffee. All players are welcome. See you there!! Of course, everyone is also welcome on Thursday Night. Only \$2 per week and you play 3 rounds of 16 games. You will have lots of fun and laughter, and a great night out. We would love to welcome additional players. If you have never played but would like to learn, you are most welcome to observe and try it for yourself. We won't bite and will be happy to teach you.

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NEERLANDIA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Mylene van Heijster
Wim Speelman

KARAOKE



**The Dutch Club of WA & the
Rhein-Donau Club invite you on
Sunday 14th of July 2024
to the Rhein-Donau Club
For Karaoke & Dancing
starting at 4:00pm**

**Bring the family for an
afternoon of fun and stay for
dinner.**

Sing along to songs from: ABBA, Katy
Perry, Taylor Swift,
Ed Sheeran, Madonna, Kate Bush and
many, many, more.



Any questions? Email mvdstelt@gmail.com

Toon Hermans over liefde en vriendschap.

Jij

*Zwijgend hou 'k je in mijn armen,
drie, vier, vijf minuten lang,
Jij kunt zo mijn hart verwarmen,
met jou ben ik voor niets meer bang.*

Liefde

*Ik kon niet zeggen wat ik voelde
ik heb het ook niet uitgelegd
Maar toch wist jij wat ik bedoelde
de stilte had het al gezegd*

*als ik je kuste of je griefde
in blijheid of in droefenis
de liefde is pas echte liefde
Als stilte taal geworden is*

Love

*Heel dicht bij jou
Proef ik de liefde weer
Ik ga er helemaal in op
Er is niets anders meer*

*Geen woord is nog belangrijk
als jij me zo verwent
Want elke tekst verval, als jij
Zo heel dicht bij me bent.*

~supplied by Bettina Tonkin

Celebration of the life of Johan Heinrich Smit

Johan Heinrich Smit

19/06/1934 - 20/03/2024 Aged 89

The following story was told by Jo's son Johan at the funeral of Jo Smit on April 8th, 2024. No personalisation change was done by retaining Johan's reference to his Dad, Oma & Opa.



Dad was born in Zandvoort on the 19th of June 1934 and interestingly enough, without help as it were. The Midwife was with Oma (Jo's Mum) and mentioned it maybe a while before the baby is born. The Midwife left for another job and said: *"I will be back"*. Opa (Jo's father) was downstairs selling a push bike (this was his job). Opa heard this all mighty scream and the gentleman purchasing the bike mentioned *"you may be needed upstairs"*. Opa said a few Hail Marys, but Dad was not waiting for the Midwife, and he arrived on his own terms. Jo Smit had entered the world.

Having lived his whole childhood and teenage years in Holland, ensured that Dad was geared up for what would be a life well lived and full of experiences. Dad quite often mentioned to me his days at school and riding his bike with friends. He would speak about the harshness of war, about how he'd come across old detonators with his mates that had been left behind, and how they would then go hit them with rocks. On one occasion he hurt his hand. On arrival back home,

Oma asked him to hold out his hand. She said; *"NO the other one"*. Oma already knew before he got home that he had hurt himself. He would also mention (on more than one occasion) how during the war years people would come to the front door and ask for potato peels or any scraps. In Opa and Oma's house, **everything was used**. Oma stashed away soap in the attic and **nothing** was wasted. In later life this was going to be Dad's Legacy, **NOTHING** was thrown out.

During the war, there were always errands such as sourcing lumber or coal for heating, especially during the winter months. Everything that was not tied down, and most of the trees around the home, disappeared.

Dad also spoke of the time when the bombers were flying above, and one plane exploded. He watched one of the wings come down describing it as a leaf coming off a tree, *"I've never forgotten that"*, he said.

In 1947 Dad started studying at Nijverheids School for Industry. This was where he began to understand the workings of everything. The Dutch are renowned for engineering and Dad was no exception. Dad told how the teacher would place chunks of rough mis-shaped steel in front of the students, and then made them file it down to an inch cube. He mentioned on numerous occasions of daily injuries on knuckles and hands, and loss of skin was an everyday occurrence. Dad's skills developed and so too his ability to just see how things worked. This would see him become one of the youngest engineers to go to sea. One of the initiations on boats as a New Sailor was to have old Sump Oil painted all over you. Dad mentioned and I quote, 'That was a bastard to get off'.

Dad travelled everywhere, delivering cargo and of course meeting ladies along the way. Only in a recent discussion with Dad he explained about the 'friends' he and his mates had at each port. He laughed saying: *"Who knows, we may have Family elsewhere in the World"*. After all, he was 18 years old, a merchant seaman and 3rd class engineer. The Captain of the boat mentioning we need more men like you.

In 1952 Dad returned from Sea and on arrival, Opa said to him, *"don't go out again, we are moving to Australia"*. Now, Dad had a girlfriend, mates from childhood and a career. I can only imagine what was going through his mind at the

time. Oma was the instigator of this idea and from what I recall; Western Australia was the place to be because of how green it was and Opa thought the Goldfields looked interesting. Opa never made it to the Goldfields, however, Dad made up for that later in life.

Opa and Dad left first. Dad clearly remembering the last time he saw his Grandad. Leaving the bike shop and only seeing his belly extending past the door frame. They departed leaving Oma, Uncle Henk, and Auntie Alice in Holland. Just imagine for a moment, saying goodbye to your homeland, Family, and lifestyle, to go to another country with no job, and no idea what it was like.

They arrived in Fremantle on the 2nd of October 1952. They had 24 pounds in their pocket and nowhere to live. *"Let's go for a beer"*, Dad said. They found a pub (the Broken Hill) and soon learnt that WA was nowhere near like home. There was not a lot on offer, cups of tea, 2 types of beer and blokes just sitting at a bar, with not a lot of conversation going on.

The only small goods on offer were polony and plastic cheese, as he called it. They found lodging in a boarding house in Victoria Park and then started to look for work. Dad was a fully qualified Engineer however he was told that his papers meant nothing in Australia and would have to go back to school again. What a joke. Dad did find work, machining taps, however the 4 pounds 10 a week was not going to cover the 5 pounds a week for board and lodgings. Dad was beginning to feel a little disheartened and I had heard over many years; *"If there was a bridge back to Holland I would have walked home"*.

Dad looked for more work and scored a job in Dongara clearing land on a combined, Tank/Dozer. Dad spoke quite often about different jobs and in conversation being in the middle of the bush, alone, having to fix the track and bearings to get the machinery moving again. As many people have mentioned before, Dad was well ahead of his time.

Oma, Uncle Henk, and Auntie Alice arrived in December 1952 and found a house in Kalamunda/Wattle Grove. As time went by Dad and Uncle Henk were working in their jobs and Auntie Alice was attending Wattle Grove Primary.

Dad then managed to find a job on a farm in

Kondinin and met the Tysons. They welcomed Dad and he became part of their family. In 1954 Dad built a shed with Mr Tyson and it still stands today. Dad & I went for a drive to Kondinin and found that very same shed Dad built in 1954. I will never forget Dad explaining to me how it was put together. A good hour was used to share with the intricate workings of the foundations and what was found around the property to reinforce the pillars (Tap Arm).

Dad's ability to see things in his mind shone through and his skills impressed Mr Tyson. They were to become great friends, and to this day, still friends with the family.

Then Dad met who was to become his first wife. Marieka, and they married in 1955.

From the farm, Dad went to Perth and found a job as fireman at the railways. His marriage to Marieka broke down and life changed a little. Some years later he met and felt an attraction to a lady in a milk bar in London Court. That was Mum. Mum and Dad liked to party and most of you may have been part of those parties as we were growing up. Dad was a few months shy of the 10 years long service from the railways when he chucked the job in.

Mum and Dad liked to party, and the Gilt Dragon was a great night spot in Perth, a Family Restaurant owned by the Marissens. Mike and the family were to become Dad's best mates. One evening, Mike's father, who was the doorman, asked Dad to watch the door while he had a coffee break. It was not long before Dad saw a few blokes heading over who were potential troublemakers. They came to the entrance. Dad stood his ground as doorman and said they could not enter. They were not going to leave so Dad called Mike over for moral support. Dad was right, one bloke just wanted to fight. Mike stood very close to Dad, this made the bloke angrier, so he lashed out to give Mike a king hit but he ducked, and the blokes fist landed right on Dad's jaw. Dad could not eat for a few days. It was one of those nights they would never forget. When Mike worked at the Adelphi Hotel, on one particular day, they were short of chefs. Mike said to Dad come and work with me at the Steak House. Dad asked: *"Work as a chef? I am not a chef"*. Mike said: *"Don't worry, I will teach you"*. Dad applied and got the job. Dad was best man at Mike and

Celebration of the life of Johan Heinrich Smit

Brenda's wedding. A long friendship was to unfold.

Dad was then to meet a man that was going to change his direction even more, John Boogaard. John said to Dad: *"Hey Joe, I have something for you. You are out and about, loads of free time and you can work when you want"*. Well, Dad thought this was a great idea. Dad left the Adelphi Steak House and became a taxi driver around 1968. Dad would drive to the Adelphi around 11pm to enjoy a midnight snack, which was French toast made by Nick a Macedonian cleaner. It was the best French toast. They would have a chat eat their French toast and then Dad would drive guests from the Adelphi home.

Mike went on to say 'Jo was a great philosopher'. Jo would sit and chat with my father, both with a glass of whiskey, and talk about world events. Mum and Dad moved around a little and were living in Goderich Street, East Perth when they met Arthur and Ivy Armour. As immigrants from India, they did not know anyone. They came across a priest who knew of a place where they could stay. There was a flat right next door to where Mum and Dad were. It was not long before they became great friends, and eventually part of the Family as Steven, Arthur and Ivy's son, became Dad's godson. We will remain family forever. It was around this time that Dad met Rob Van Leeuwen and Ann Van Oss, Mum and Ann found this cute little house in Mount Lawley and moved in. There were many a party at 4th Avenue and this is where Anna Maria and I would grow up. Rob and Dad spoke about the house when an opportunity came up to purchase the property. It was offered to Mum and Dad for \$21,000. Dad then went on to say: *"That will mean I will have to work"*.

Dad started shooting in 1973 at Postal Institute Pistol club in Parry Street in East Perth. It was during this period in his life that he met some of his future lifelong friends and partners in crime. Allan Lozan, Bruce Welburn, and Rick Weeden. Dad made the State Team to represent WA at the Brisbane Nationals around 1976 putting up a reasonable score in the 'Free Pistol' team. His biggest regret of the nationals was losing his prized camera light meter. He spent days strolling through the car park trying to locate it, to no avail. Dad attended most of the opens around Perth, if not all. Bunbury and Kalgoorlie opens were by far his favourite ones. He had a great aptitude to fix



things, especially guns. Always working on pistols for friends and working on and modifying his guns as well. Dad was renowned for making pistol grips for shooters. Dad was to become a life member of the pistol club. And treasured that memory.

Doing repairs was his hobby along with modifying shell cases to fit certain chambers. One trip to Adelaide with a mate saw him visit every gun shop in town and he bought up thousands of Burden Pistol Primers. Somehow **he was** going to convert some old cases he had, so he didn't need to buy new cases. Pressing the old primers out hydraulically meant it made a mess, and fluids spilt all over the back veranda floor, which made Mum really angry.

At this time, he was also helping out his taxi colleague Arthur Kalnin by installing and testing taxi meters. He put Arthur's workshop to good use by using his lathe and other implements of destruction to modify gun barrels and other bits and pieces for his benefit.

Around 1983/84 Mum and Dad went their separate ways, later on they remained good friends and Dad used to stay at Mums on his visits to Perth.

After some time, Dad decided to pursue his other great passion. Looking for gold, Dad sold the Taxi, went into partnership with Bruce Welburn and Rick Weeden and moved to Kalgoorlie. Dad built his own dry blower and fixed and serviced the tractor that they had purchased. Now that Dad lived in Kalgoorlie he then made sure he was a member of the local pistol club. Dad spent many an hour working at the club, renovating, and building new walls and buffers. In 1991 I went to live with Dad for a spell. Dad never really made the rich list with his gold prospecting, however he mentioned to me that living in Kalgoorlie and prospecting with his mates was, quote 'THE BEST YEARS OF HIS LIFE'.

Kalgoorlie Jehovah Witnesses

One Sunday two Jehovah Witnesses came and knocked on Dad's door. Dad opened and the Jehovah's Witnesses mentioned to him that they had a book on how to be happy. Dad said: *"I have food in my belly, a roof over my head; a comfortable bed to sleep in, and my bills are paid. Please explain to me how to be happy"*. I heard it all, it reminded me about the simple things in life are the most important ones.

In 2006 it was time for Dad to come back to Perth as a lot of his friends in Kalgoorlie had moved on to live in Esperance or Perth. Dad moved to Forrestfield in 2006. More friendships were formed, and Dad's neighbours, Warren, and Allan, were just great company and comrades in the last years of Dad's life.

Dad, you taught us so much. You taught me forgiveness, patience, your attitude towards life, and to live it stress free. This will stay with me and indeed all of us for decades to come. You were there when I needed you for an ear and a shoulder. If there is one thing I remember about your most frequent quote to me: *"You keep learning until your fingers grow the same length"*. ▪

A message to our readers

Want to contribute to the next issue of the Neerlandia Magazine?

Neerlandia material for the next issue of the magazine has to be in by the **12th of each month**. Although handwritten material is acceptable if clearly readable, the editor will be very happy with typewritten articles. You would, however, really make my day with your contributions as an attachment to email in Word format. Please ensure any images are of high quality.

Please send to: pawedden@hotmail.com

Thank you for all the volunteers' assistance in making this magazine possible.

Peter van der Wedden, Editor

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Neerlandia End of Month Team Newsletter

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/ZF2C1NuUVg9UfFrg?>

Nonja Peters

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Dutch News Latest news

<https://www.tubantia.nl/>

The Rhein-Donau Club Inc. Website

<https://www.rheindonau.com.au/>



DE BOEKHOEK



Dit keer bespreken we een non-fiction boek over een dorp dat niet bestond, over een kunstmatig dorp in Groningen geschreven door journaliste Karin Sitalsing. Impuls voor de regio of geldverspilling? Verlies van iets ouds of juist de verwelcoming van iets nieuws? Met de komst van het dorp Blauwestad verdween een groot stuk van Oost-Groningen voorgoed onder water. Boeren werden uitgekocht, villa's werden gebouwd. Het infrastructurele project moest de regio opstuwen in de vaart der volkeren. Maar kun je zoiets eigenlijk wel afdwingen?

In Blauwestad vertelt journalist Karin Sitalsing de geschiedenis van dit geruchtmakende tekentafeldorp. Ze neemt de lezer mee naar de optimistische begindagen en de diepe dalen ten tijde van de financiële crisis. Ze spreekt met goedgehumeurde projectontwikkelaars en met boze communisten. En ze bezoekt de mensen die in het fonkelnieuwe dorp wonen en zij die hun geboortegrond in het water zagen verdwijnen. Blauwestad is een verhaal over de menselijke strijd voor een betere leefomgeving, de pogingen het land naar onze hand te zetten en de vraag of je je thuis kan voelen op een plek die twintig jaar geleden nog niet bestond.



Meer informatie over Karin Sitaling: <https://www.bruna.nl/entity/karin-sitalsing-P0001013255>

Bron: internet

In eerste instantie vroeg ik mij af of ik dit boek met plezier zou lezen. Maar, omdat het mijn beurt was een boek voor onze bibliotheek collectie te lezen en te bespreken zei ik ja toen Machiel mij dit boek overhandigde. Na twee pagina's kon ik het niet meer neerleggen. Fascinerend, onbegrijpelijk, leerzaam, emotioneel, humoristisch. En dat niet alleen, ik leerde al lezend en op een plezierige manier meer over de geschiedenis van Noord Nederland en van Oost-Groningen in het bijzonder; een streek waar ik niet veel van afwist.

Samenvattend, Blauwe Stad - het verslag over boerenland in Oost-Groningen dat werd omgetoverd in een dorp aan een meer, is een opmerkelijk verhaal dat vlot en toegankelijk geschreven is. Je leest het als een boeiende roman.

Blauwe Stad geschreven door Karin Sitalsing is toegevoegd aan het bestand van Nederlandstalige boeken in de "Mies" Bibliotheek van de Dutch Club. Dit bestand wordt samengesteld door Machiel & Lianna in Perth en Joke & Henri in Nederland.

Heb jij onlangs een goed, gezellig of interessant boek gelezen? Is jouw favoriete boek geschreven door een Nederlandse auteur en gepubliceerd na 2000? Dan is dat boek wellicht een aanrader voor de "Mies" bibliotheek van de Dutch Club! Laat het ons weten.

Een hartelijke groet van,

Machiel: mvdstelt@gmail.com

Lianna: lianna_parker@bigpond.com



The following Members will celebrate their Birthday during the month of June. We wish them all a very Happy Birthday.

Neila	Pumphrey
Thea	Stroop
John	Kramer
Riki	Schaafsma
Ria	Nissen
Ferdi	Klesch
Gerard	Kluck
Astrid	Armitage
Ruth	Armitage
Fiona	Rozendal
Lewis	Marcus
Helen	Dans
Clive	Read
Yolanda	Strauss
Olga	van Haften
George	van Beek
Maud	Berg-Jacobs
Helene	Eagle
Trudi	Classens
Frank	Goetschalckx

If your birthday is not mentioned, or you would like to change the details, that can be arranged. To make changes you need to contact Neerlandia membership by sending and email to: membership@dutchclubwa.com

YEARS

YEARS ago we went to that great country
YEARS we worked hard in sun and rain
We brought our families
Our children grew up not in vain
YEARS we made this beautiful country our own
YEARS go by and the gentle breeze of ageing starts blowing stronger
YEARS of hard work is no longer. Let us be happy no work
Or employ
Before the
YEARS run short to enjoy

Frans

In Memoriam

Passed away on April 30th, 2024

Ursula Deck

The Committee of Neerlandia, on behalf of all its members, extends our condolences to Ursula's family and friends. Also, we extend our condolences to the members of the Rhein-Donau Club Committee. We wish for quiet peace for Ursula's family & friends, as well as everyone else, and hope everyone lives with happy memories of Ursula.



Passed away on May 10th, 2024









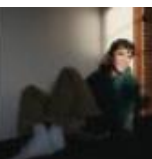

Hugh Edwards

Sincere condolences to his family, from the Neerlandia Committee and the many Sub Clubs.

Hugh was the person who found the wreck of the Batavia in 1963.

He also wrote a book about the survivors of the Batavia and how mutiny, cannibalism etc was part of life for those survivors.

Top 10 Liedjes in NL deze maand

 <p>1</p> <p>SUGAR DADDY roxy dekker</p>	 <p>6</p> <p>TEXAS HOLD'EM beyoncé</p>
 <p>2 ♫</p> <p>STUMBLIN' IN cyril</p>	 <p>7</p> <p>EUROPAPA joost</p>
 <p>3 ♫</p> <p>AUSTIN dasha</p>	 <p>8</p> <p>PRETTY GIRLS / PRETTY GIRLS (REMIX) frenna / frenna feat. jonna fraser & emms</p>
 <p>4</p> <p>BEAUTIFUL THINGS benson boone</p>	 <p>9 ♫</p> <p>THE DOOR teddy swims</p>
 <p>5 ♫</p> <p>BELONGTOGETHER mark ambor</p>	 <p>10</p> <p>PEDRO jaxomy, agatino romero & raffaella carrà</p>

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CRAZY THINGS TO DO IN AMSTERDAM

HUNT FOR PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES AT THE UPSIDE DOWN

The Instagram addicts among you will want to visit The Upside Down; a fun and interactive museum that focuses on photo opportunities! With tons of optical illusions, colourful backdrops and fun props on offer, you are bound to get lots of funky snaps at this unique Amsterdam tourist attraction.



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De derde zondag van mei was het mijn beurt om een programma te maken. De datum 19 mei bracht mij terug naar 2019, toen ik in Nederland was vanwege de verjaardag van mijn

zus. Zij werd 70 en het hele land vierde feest. Dat was niet voor haar, maar voor Duncan Laurence. Want hij won het Eurovisie Songfestival met een door hem geschreven en gecomponeerd nummer Arcade. Een bijzonder moment en een ervaring voor het songfestival dat hierdoor weer eens naar Nederland kwam. Bovendien, stuurde Nederland Joost Klein, de hippie uit Friesland als gedelegeerde met het nummer Europapa. Voor mij een reden om een programma te maken over de geschiedenis met de Nederlandse inzendingen voor het Eurovisie Songfestival.

Ik was nog een baby toen Nederland het debuut op het allereerste Eurovisie Songfestival maakte in 1956, in de Zwitserse stad Lugano. In totaal heeft Nederland 63 keer deelgenomen en daarvan won ons land de competitie vijf keer.

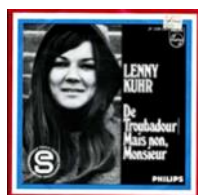
1957: Corry Brokken - Net als toen

1959: Teddy Scholten - 'n Beetje

1969: Lenny Kuhr - De troubadour (maar het was een gedeelde eer)

1975: Teach-In - Ding-a-dong

2019: Duncan Laurence - Arcade



Vijf keer eindigde Nederland helemaal onderaan:

1958: Corry Brokken - Heel de wereld

1962: De Spelbrekers - Katinka

1963: Annie Palmen - Een speeldoos

1968: Ronnie Tober - Morgen

2011: 3JS - Never alone

In de jaren 60 had Nederland weinig succes op het festival. Tussen 1960 en 1968 behaalde Nederland twee keer maar net de top tien: Greetje Kauffeld met het nummer 'Wat een dag' en Anneke Grönloh met 'Jij bent mijn leven' eindigde in respectievelijk 1961 en 1964 allebei op de tiende plaats. Daarnaast kenden de jaren 60 een absoluut dieptepunt voor Nederland: drie keer kwamen we op de laatste plaats, waarbij er in 1962 en 1963 zelfs geen enkel punt naar Nederland ging. Toch kenden de jaren 60 één moment van succes voor Nederland: in 1969 ging Lenny Kuhr met het 'De troubadour' naar Spanje om Nederland te vertegenwoordigen. Tijdens de puntentelling van 1969 eindigde Nederland op de eerste plaats met 18 punten, maar moest het de winst delen met Frankrijk, Spanje en het Verenigd Koninkrijk omdat ook deze landen 18 punten behaalden. Desondanks was de derde songfestivalzege binnen voor Nederland en werd er via

loting bepaald dat Nederland het Eurovisie Songfestival 1970 mocht organiseren.

Gedurende de jaren 70 deed Nederland het wat beter op het songfestival en werd het weer leuk om naar te kijken. In 1970 eindigden we op de 7^e plek met het nummer 'Waterman' van Hearts Of Soul, in 1971 op de 6^e plek met 'Tijd' van Saskia & Serge en in 1972 eindigden Sandra & Andres met 'Als het om de liefde' op een 4^e plek. In 1974 stond Nederland sterk met 'I see a star' van Mouth & MacNeal. Het nummer won niet door twee belangrijke factoren: ten eerste was er de inzending van Zweden (Waterloo van ABBA), waardoor Nederland en alle andere landen sowieso weinig kans leken te maken op de winst, en ten tweede werd de kans voor een Nederlandse winst verkleind door de gekkigheid die Mouth & MacNeal op het podium lieten zien. Mouth & MacNeal behaalden desondanks een 3^e plaats. In 1975 stuurde Nederland Teach-In met het nummer 'Ding-a-dong' naar Zweden, waar het als eerste van alle nummers mocht optreden. Tijdens de puntentelling stond Nederland in het begin bovenaan maar het werd later, net als in 1959, ingehaald door het Verenigd Koninkrijk en stond lange tijd tweede. Het werd uiteindelijk een nek-aan-nek-race tussen Nederland en het Verenigd Koninkrijk. Maar we wonnen en dat was gedurende 45 jaar lang, de laatste editie dat Nederland won.



De jaren 80 waren voor Nederland op het Eurovisie Songfestival niet al te succesvol. Maggie MacNeal behaalde nog een 5^e plek met 'Amsterdam'. Deze plaats werd in 1987 geëvenaard door Marcha met 'Recht op in de wind'. Verder werd er voor Nederland nog een 7^e plek in 1983 behaald door Bernadette en een 9^e plek in 1988 door Gerard Joling met 'Shangri-la', maar verder was het bagger voor Nederland.

Er was wisselend succes in de jaren 90, terwijl Nederland het Eurovisie Songfestival 1991 oversloeg omdat het weer op 4 mei plaatsvond. In 1993 kwam Nederland met een sterke inzending die kans maakte op de winst: Ruth Jacott werd naar Ierland gestuurd met haar catchy uptempo nummer 'Vrede'. Omdat het camerawerk mislukte en het licht te fel in de camera verscheen, werd Jacott 'maar' 6^e. In 1994 behaalde Willeke Alberti met 'Waar is de zon' een zeer teleurstellende 24^e plek. Dankzij dit slechte resultaat mocht Nederland in 1995 niet deelnemen. In 1997 ging het al weer mis met een 22^e plek voor Nederland. In 1998 hadden we Edsilia Rombley met haar nummer 'Hemel en aarde'. Ze kwam op de 4^e plaats en behaalde daarmee het beste resultaat voor Nederland in de jaren 90.

Het jaar 2000 was het begin van een periode waarin de Nederlandse inzendingen eerst nog matig succes

boekten, maar daarna rondt slechte resultaten behaalden. In 2000 werd het Eurovisie Songfestival in Nederland vooral overschaduwd door de vuurwerkramp in Enschede, waarbij 23 doden vielen en een hele woonwijk van de kaart werd geveegd. In 2001 werd Michelle met 'Out on my own' 18^e, waardoor Nederland in 2002 verplicht thuis moest blijven. Vanaf 2005 ging het met Nederland op het Eurovisie Songfestival snel bergafwaarts: tussen 2005 en 2009 was het land niet in staat om zich te kwalificeren voor de finale.

In 2010 was de populariteit van het songfestival in Nederland inmiddels gedaald tot een dieptepunt. Een onderzoek ontdekte dat 67 procent van de Nederlanders niet wilde dat hun land in 2010 nog deel zou nemen aan het Eurovisie Songfestival. Toen Nederland zich in 2012 voor de achtste keer op rij niet wist te kwalificeren, was de meerderheid van Nederlanders er voor was dat Nederland moest stoppen met het songfestival. Een belangrijke, veelgehoorde gedachte destijds waarom het Nederland zich in die jaren niet wist te kwalificeren, was dat Oost-Europese landen altijd elkaar punten geven en hun punten baseren op de relatie met een land i.p.v. een nummer.

De negatieve reeks resultaten werd beëindigd door zangeres Anouk, die Nederland in 2013 met het lied 'Birds' in de finale bracht. Daar eindigde zij met 114 punten op een 9^e plaats. Hiermee bracht Anouk een omkeer teweeg in de publieke opinie over het Eurovisie Songfestival. Aangemoedigd door het succes van Anouk deden Ilse DeLange en Waylon in 2014 mee als de formatie The Common Linnets met het lied 'Calm after the storm'. Ook zij wisten een finaleplaats te halen en veroverden in de finale de 2^e plaats: het beste resultaat voor Nederland sinds 1975 en met 238 punten tevens het hoogste puntentotaal, tot dan, behaald door een Nederlandse inzending. In 2015 slaagde Trijntje Oosterhuis met het lied 'Walk along' er niet in om het succes voort te zetten: zij strandde in de halve finale. Douwe Bob behaalde in 2016 weer een finaleplaats. In 2017 behaalde de meidengroep OG3NE eveneens de finale en werden ook 11^e. In 2018 deed Waylon mee als soloartiest en werd 18^e.

In 2019 werd Nederland vertegenwoordigd door Duncan Laurence met het nummer Arcade. Tijdens de finale stond Laurence bij de bookmakers met een

monstervoorsprong voor op de nummers twee en drie (Italië en Zwitserland). Tijdens de puntentelling van de jury's deed Nederland het een stuk minder goed dan vooraf werd verwacht: op een gegeven moment stond Laurence zelfs zesde tijdens de puntentelling. Aan het einde kreeg Nederland toch weer punten en stonden



we, nadat alle jurypunten verdeeld waren, op de derde plaats, achter Zweden en Noord-Macedonië. Toen de televoters 261 punten gaven aan Nederland scoorde Noord-Macedonië tegenvallend. Zweden had 253 punten nodig om van Nederland te winnen. Na

een bloedstollende spanning kreeg Zweden echter maar 93 punten, waardoor Laurence het festival won met 498 punten en de eerste Nederlandse winnaar van het Eurovisie Songfestival werd sinds de overwinning van Teach-In in 1975.

En dan dit jaar: Joost Klein. Hij had een droom: hij wilde niets liever dan meedoen aan het Eurovisie



Songfestival en met alle 'twelve points' naar huis. Maar het avontuur verliep niet zoals gehoopt en de artiest verliet het songfestival met een andere titel: die van de eerste gediskwalificeerde deelnemer ooit. Klein keek als klein kind al naar het songfestival. Samen met zijn ouders zat hij naar eigen zeggen aan de buis gekluisterd. Die herinneringen worden alleen maar dierbaarder als zijn ouders kort na elkaar overlijden als Klein net begonnen is aan de middelbare school. Zijn 'Europapa' valt goed in de smaak en het wordt het best beluisterde songfestival-nummer nog voor de wedstrijd begint. Het nummer over een wees die op zoek gaat naar een prettige plek, is opzweepend en heeft tegelijk een diepere laag. De bookmakers

schatten de winkansen voor Klein hoog in en zo lijkt de songfestival-droom die de jonge Joost had, zomaar waarheid te worden. Als hij op 29 april richting Malmö vertrekt, is er nog geen vuiltje aan de lucht: de artiest grapt op Schiphol uitgebreid voor de camera's van Nederlandse media en zegt vertrouwen te hebben dat hij in elk geval van één land twaalf punten zal krijgen. De tweede halve finale komt Klein gemakkelijk door.

Maar waar de meeste van zijn mede-finalisten buitengewoon enthousiast zijn op de persconferentie na de tweede halve finale, zit Klein er op het oog wat verveld bij. Hij trekt de Nederlandse vlag constant

over zijn hoofd, gaat zijn haren kammen en lijkt liever op welke plek dan ook te zijn, als hij maar niet bij de persconferentie hoeft te blijven.

Achteraf blijkt waarom: Klein heeft aangegeven niet gefilmd te willen worden als hij net het podium afkomt. Dan wil hij liever even tot zichzelf komen. En daar gaat het mis. Als Klein bij de repetities voor de finale niet komt opdagen wordt al snel duidelijk dat er iets aan de hand is. Er zou "een incident" hebben plaatsgevonden en dat moet eerst worden onderzocht. De belangrijke juryshow op vrijdagavond moet Klein ook aan zich voorbij laten gaan: de politie blijkt inmiddels betrokken bij het onderzoek dat loopt.

Het definitieve einde volgde zaterdagochtend pas, als de EBU aankondigt dat Klein is gediskwalificeerd vanwege een incident. De artiest zou een dreigement hebben geuit tegen een cameravrouw toen zij tegen zijn zin hem bleef filmen. De vrouw zou zich zeer onprettig hebben gevoeld na het incident en melding hebben gedaan. "Dit krijgt nog een staartje", reageert songfestival-commentator Cornald Maas. En daar krijgt hij sowieso gelijk in: de komende tijd zullen we nog veel met Joost Klein en zijn uiteengespatte droom bezig zijn.

Tot zo ver mijn verhaal! Voor iedereen die niet weet hoe je naar onze programma's kan luisteren; we zenden uit op zondag, vanaf 15:30 uur, via Radio Fremantle op de FM-band op 107.9. Dit maakt de uitzendingen voor velen toegankelijk, lekker in de middag. Maar mocht die tijd je niet uitkomen, dan is het mogelijk om op ieder moment online te luisteren via onze website www.dutchradio.com.au Via dit website kan je ook het Eurovisie Songfestival programma terugluisteren. ■

~Bewerking door Karin Eastwood-Helder
Bron Wikipedia en NOS nieuws 12/05/2024

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~supplied by Helen Rod family in NL



*Babette's Feast*



## Tortilla

(Spanish Omelette)

5 tablespoons olive oil  
3 large potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced  
1 medium onion, very thinly sliced  
6 eggs, lightly beaten  
salt and black pepper.

In a non-stick 23 cm pan heat half the oil and fry the potatoes until tender and only very lightly coloured: it is vital that the potatoes do not become crisp and dry the edges. Remove or push to one side of the pan. Fry the onion until soft and lightly golden, remove from the pan with a slotted spoon and mix the potatoes and onion into the eggs, adding salt and pepper. Re-heat the pan with the remaining oil and when it is very hot, pour in the tortilla mixture. Reduce the heat and cook gentle until the underside is golden and firm. Use a spatula no more than 4 cm wide to shape the edge of the tortilla as it cooks so that it is of even thickness right across. Turn the tortilla over and cook the other side.

If you have left over chips from another meal, rather than throwing them out or giving them to the dog or cat you can use them in the recipe. It's not good to waste food.

## Cheese Log

60g cream cheese      1 tbs sour cream  
1/3 cup mayonnaise      200g grated cheese  
60g salami      2 gherkins  
3sp onions      2 tbs chives  
1/2 cup dry roasted peanuts

Beat cream cheese, sour cream, mayonnaise. Stir in cheese, salami, gherkins, onions and chives.

Shape into a log, roll in peanuts, wrap in foil and refrigerate.

Then Bob's your Uncle. Where is Bob?????? Why??????? because I don't know if I have to chop the gherkins, onions and salami. I did have chives in a small bottle, somewhere in my cupboard. Now where did I leave the torch (I have a veryyyyyy dark cupboard).

Have a go aaaaand surprise yourself. It will be the best Cheese Log in the West.

~supplied by Babette van Dijk

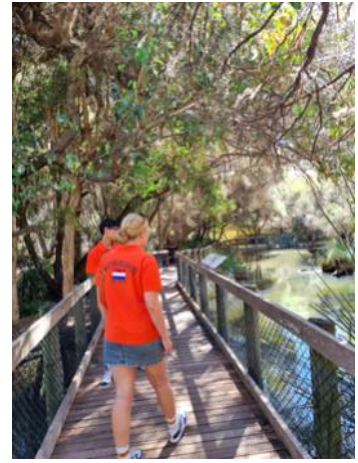


## A Zoo-mazing time!

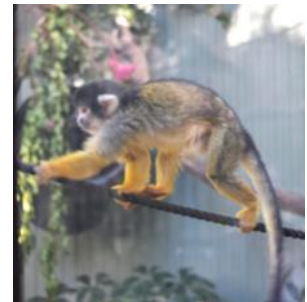


***“When was the last time you went to Perth Zoo?”***

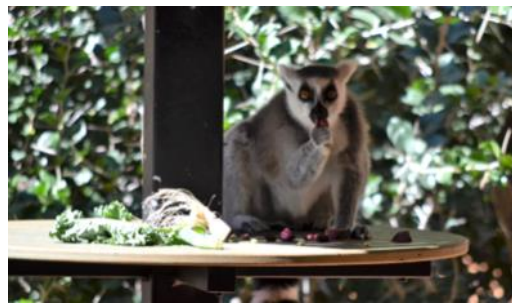
It had been a while for some of our Neerlandia members who spent a beautiful sunny day there on Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> of April exploring the many exhibits.



Camera's at the ready, many photos were taken of the various animals including the cute Bolivian Squirrel Monkey babies.



The African Safari exhibit housed some relocated animals. Where we expected to see the baboons, now had the Lemurs with their gorgeous long tails.



L-R: Emma, Hannah, Clarissa & Damon

Some of us were fortunate to hear the loud call of the mother African Spotted Dog to her young when chaos erupted in their enclosure. From only moments before, with us barely spotting three of them reclined under the shade of some trees and shrubs, many of them came out of hiding for an impromptu game of hide and seek and tackling one another! It was wonderful to witness.





## A Zoo-mazing time!



The Meerkats, another favourite seemed to be non-phased about the spectators, we all had a chuckle at their poses.



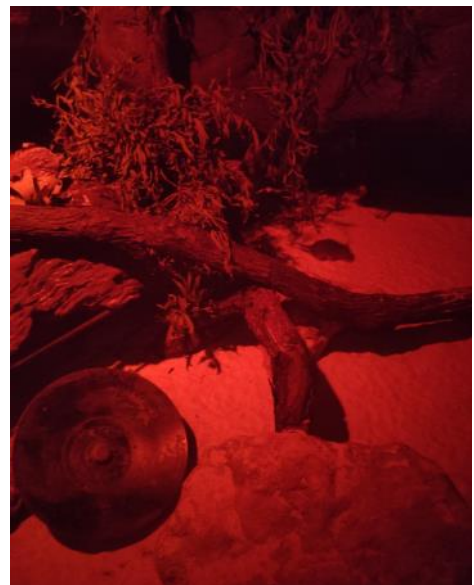
The Galapagos giant Tortoise was moving around its enclosure, albeit at a slow pace.



Tree Kangaroo



The Nocturnal house is a favourite by some visitors with it being a place of darkness and mystique. It has some slow and fast moving animals some of which are especially hard to see with the naked eye.



Can you spot the animal in the picture ?



# A Zoo-mazing time!



*"Do you ever wonder who is watching who when you are at the Zoo?"*



Emma, Hannah & Justin



Fairy penguins



Photo by Kaitlyn



The elusive Numbat...



Photo by Emma





## A Zoo-mazing time!



*Playing Peek-a-Boo*



An interesting fact at the White Rhino enclosure is that the word “white” comes from the Dutch word “*wijde*” which was used to describe the rhino’s lips and nothing at all to do with the colour white.



We hope you have enjoyed seeing the photos taken during our Perth Zoo visit and picnic. Thank you to all the photographers on the day, Machiel, Kaitlyn, Helen & Emma and to Neerlandia for part sponsoring this wonderful day out!





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## CODEBREAKER PUZZLE

A **Codebreaker** is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet is replaced by a number.

For these puzzles, **two** or **three** letters are revealed. Start with entering these throughout the puzzle, start to guess your first word or letter. Use a pencil to start, then if it does not workout, you can erase it and start again.

Some letters, e.g. the letters E and A and S can occur more often then others e.g. the letters Q, X or Z.

## Results of last month's Bonus TOP CODEBREAKER.

This puzzle looked easy as the first word **Spanning** was a giveaway. But that was false hope. Then you had to find the words **Ecstasy** and **Upheaval** before you were on your way, which proved to be harder then expected.

*The letter codes for last month's Top Codebreaker were as follows:*

A=9; B=25; C=3; D=2; E=20; F=18;  
G=17; H=19; I=12; J=15; K=26; L=13;  
M=5; N=7; O=21; P=4; Q=8; R=10;  
S=11; T=23; U=16; V=22; W=14; X=6;  
Y=24; Z=1.

## Results of last month's Bonus BOTTOM CODEBREAKER.

This puzzle was not an easy win and it was difficult to find the first two words. But once the word: **Zodiacal** and **Sculptor** were found, the rest became much easier.

*The letter codes for last month's bottom Codebreaker were as follows:*

A=17; B=7; C=10; D=2; E=18; F=14;  
G=4; H=16; I=11; J=13; K=8; L=5;  
M=22; N=26; O=1; P=23; Q=21; R=12;  
S=20; T=9; U=15; V=6; W=19; X=25;  
Y=24; Z=3.



## Two Bonus Codeword Puzzles

|    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |                 |    |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----------------|----|
|    | 7  |    | 8  |    | 1  |    | 18 |    | 24 |    | 8  |    | 13              |    |
| 9  | 5  | 11 | 20 | 5  | 15 |    | 5  | 2  | 25 | 20 | 17 | 8  | 14              | 2  |
|    | 15 |    | 24 |    | 5  |    | 2  |    | 15 |    | 5  |    | 11              |    |
| 9  | 5  | 24 | 13 |    | 2  | 23 | 5  | 8  | 8  | 19 | 15 | 13 | 25              | 22 |
|    | 13 |    | 12 |    | 5  |    | 10 |    | 11 |    |    |    | 8               |    |
| 1  | 25 | 15 | 19 | 10 | 17 | 14 | 2  |    | 5  | 18 | 19 | 15 | 17              | 19 |
|    | 12 |    | 3  |    |    |    | 21 |    | 11 |    | 26 |    |                 |    |
| 18 | 5  | 24 | 25 | 25 | 17 | 19 |    | 3  | 19 | 1  | 20 | 10 | 2               | 8  |
|    |    |    | 6  |    | 23 |    | 4  |    |    |    | 14 |    | 14              |    |
| 17 | 8  | 5  | 10 | 16 | 5  |    | 19 | 22 | 2  | 5  | 18 | 5  | 8 <sub>T</sub>  | 19 |
|    | 25 |    |    |    | 10 |    | 21 |    | 15 |    | 5  |    | 14 <sub>I</sub> |    |
| 7  | 15 | 25 | 7  | 5  | 11 | 5  | 10 | 3  | 5  |    | 12 | 5  | 16 <sub>Z</sub> | 21 |
|    | 26 |    | 15 |    | 23 |    | 25 |    | 13 |    | 19 |    | 19              |    |
| 9  | 20 | 13 | 14 | 12 | 5  | 10 | 8  |    | 13 | 5  | 10 | 5  | 10              | 5  |
|    | 19 |    | 24 |    | 14 |    | 19 |    | 21 |    | 8  |    | 17              |    |

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 1              | 14 <sub>I</sub> |
| 2              | 15              |
| 3              | 16 <sub>Z</sub> |
| 4              | 17              |
| 5              | 18              |
| 6              | 19              |
| 7              | 20              |
| 8 <sub>T</sub> | 21              |
| 9              | 22              |
| 10             | 23              |
| 11             | 24              |
| 12             | 25              |
| 13             | 26              |

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| A            | N            |
| B            | O            |
| C            | P            |
| D            | Q            |
| E            | R            |
| F            | S            |
| G            | <del>T</del> |
| H            | U            |
| <del>I</del> | V            |
| J            | W            |
| K            | X            |
| L            | Y            |
| M            | <del>Z</del> |

|    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |                 |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----------------|----|----|----|
|    | 18 |    | 8  |    | 10 |    | 7  |    | 8  |    | 21              |    | 22 |    |
| 24 | 15 | 13 | 20 | 24 | 15 | 1  | 25 |    | 15 | 13 | 15              | 1  | 3  | 9  |
|    | 19 |    | 7  |    | 4  |    | 14 |    | 9  |    | 19              |    | 16 |    |
| 24 | 9  | 20 | 23 | 17 | 19 | 17 | 3  | 3  | 22 |    | 17              | 3  | 9  | 24 |
|    | 20 |    | 20 |    | 9  |    | 20 |    | 15 |    | 3               |    | 17 |    |
| 4  | 26 | 3  | 9  | 23 | 25 |    | 18 | 15 | 2  | 10 | 4               | 24 | 20 | 9  |
|    |    |    | 15 |    | 4  |    | 25 |    |    |    |                 |    | 2  |    |
| 3  | 21 | 25 | 2  | 20 | 4  | 24 |    | 20 | 23 | 9  | 3               | 21 | 2  | 25 |
|    | 3  |    |    |    |    |    | 26 |    | 7  |    | 10              |    |    |    |
| 20 | 9  | 20 | 6  | 5  | 20 | 19 | 11 |    | 15 | 10 | 10 <sub>F</sub> | 7  | 15 | 11 |
|    | 17 |    | 5  |    | 23 |    | 7  |    | 10 |    | 20 <sub>I</sub> |    | 18 |    |
| 14 | 3  | 24 | 25 |    | 5  | 9  | 15 | 10 | 10 | 25 | 18 <sub>C</sub> | 19 | 25 | 22 |
|    | 13 |    | 9  |    | 15 |    | 13 |    | 20 |    | 25              |    | 19 |    |
| 1  | 20 | 7  | 18 | 3  | 9  |    | 20 | 9  | 19 | 25 | 7               | 13 | 20 | 12 |
|    | 25 |    | 17 |    | 15 |    | 22 |    | 20 |    | 4               |    | 18 |    |

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1               | 14              |
| 2               | 15              |
| 3               | 16              |
| 4               | 17              |
| 5               | 18 <sub>C</sub> |
| 6               | 19              |
| 7               | 20 <sub>I</sub> |
| 8               | 21              |
| 9               | 22              |
| 10 <sub>F</sub> | 23              |
| 11              | 24              |
| 12              | 25              |
| 13              | 26              |

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|--------------|---|
| A            | N |
| B            | O |
| <del>C</del> | P |
| D            | Q |
| E            | R |
| <del>F</del> | S |
| G            | T |
| H            | U |
| <del>I</del> | V |
| J            | W |
| K            | X |
| L            | Y |
| M            | Z |



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|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
|    | 26 |    | 4  |    | 22 |    | 25 |    | 25 |    | 10 |    | 25 |    |
| 11 | 12 | 25 | 3  | 13 | 24 |    | 23 | 25 | 9  | 11 | 12 | 7  | 26 | 16 |
|    | 14 |    | 24 |    | 17 |    | 24 |    | 25 |    | 14 |    | 17 |    |
| 26 | 4  | 8  | 10 | 7  | 18 | 7  | 10 |    | 13 | 3  | 8  | 14 | 2  | 8  |
|    | 24 |    | 8  |    | 12 |    | 25 |    | 16 |    |    |    | 12 |    |
| 3  | 8  | 23 | 8  | 25 | 2  | 8  | 21 |    | 8  | 9  | 7  | 6  | 1  | 25 |
|    | 9  |    | 21 |    |    |    | 24 |    | 1  |    | 9  |    |    |    |
| 1  | 25 | 19 | 7  | 1  | 25 | 2  |    | 13 | 25 | 10 | C  | T  | 7  | 10 |
|    |    |    | 9  |    | 9  |    | 4  |    |    |    | 8  |    | 17 |    |
| 6  | 25 | 9  | 6  | 2  | 17 |    | 25 | 10 | 10 | 12 | 3  | 25 | 10 | 17 |
|    | 23 |    |    |    | 5  |    | 3  |    | 3  |    | 1  |    | 2  |    |
| 5  | 25 | 3  | 1  | 13 | 16 |    | 25 | 10 | 25 | 21 | 8  | 1  | 7  | 10 |
|    | 13 |    | 25 |    | 8  |    | 21 |    | 14 |    | 20 |    | 10 |    |
| 15 | 25 | 9  | 6  | 25 | 3  | 24 | 24 |    | 14 | 25 | 20 | 25 | 25 | 3  |
|    | 3  |    | 7  |    | 8  |    | 19 |    | 17 |    | 24 |    | 2  |    |

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

|    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
|    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | C  |    |    | T  |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |

## Sudoku Puzzles

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers 1 - 9 in the each row and column; each 3 x 3 box must also contain a complete set of numbers 1 - 9.

**Sudoku 994**  
Easy Puzzle

**Sudoku 994**  
Medium Puzzle

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|   |   | 2 |   |   | 8 |   | 5 | 7 |
|   | 1 |   |   |   | 7 |   | 2 |   |
|   |   |   |   |   |   | 1 | 9 |   |
|   | 9 | 8 |   | 6 | 2 | 3 |   |   |
|   |   | 7 |   |   |   | 2 |   |   |
|   |   | 6 | 5 | 8 |   | 7 | 4 |   |
|   | 8 | 9 |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|   | 5 |   | 8 |   |   |   | 7 |   |
| 3 | 6 |   | 9 |   |   | 4 |   |   |

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|   |   |   |   |   | 6 |   |   | 2 |
| 3 |   |   |   | 2 |   | 7 |   |   |
|   | 8 |   |   |   | 1 |   | 4 |   |
|   |   | 4 | 2 |   |   | 3 |   | 5 |
| 5 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 6 |
| 1 |   | 2 |   |   | 5 | 8 |   |   |
|   | 4 |   | 9 |   |   |   | 8 |   |
|   |   | 3 |   | 1 |   |   |   | 9 |
| 7 |   |   | 5 |   |   |   |   |   |

## Results of last month's CODEBREAKER

To find the first 2 words of last month's Codebreaker was quite easy.

The first 3 words I found were: **Incognito**, **Seacow** and **Biscuits**. Once those 3 words were found, it still was easy going.

*The letter codes for last month's Codebreaker were as follows:*

A=12; B=22; C=25; D=26;  
E=6; F=8; G=5; H=23;  
I=17; J=18; K=1; L=21;  
M=11; N=24; O=10; P=14;  
Q=13; R=19; S=3; T=9;  
U=15; V=16; W=2; X=4;  
Y=7; Z=20.

**Last month's**  
**Sudoku Easy 993 solution.**

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 8 |
| 1 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 9 | 3 | 5 |
| 8 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 6 |
| 6 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 9 |
| 9 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| 3 | 7 | 4 | 9 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 1 |
| 2 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 8 | 9 | 4 |
| 7 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 1 | 6 | 3 |
| 4 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 2 |

**Last month's**  
**Sudoku Medium 993 solution.**

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 8 |
| 9 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 6 |
| 8 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 |
| 2 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 9 |
| 6 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 1 | 7 | 5 |
| 4 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| 1 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 6 | 4 |
| 7 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 3 |



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